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SUBJECT: DEPORTATION OF ANN SPARKLIN LOWELL

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1. IF LOWELL CANNOT BE REACHED AT EDWARD THE KING HOTEL, LONDON, SHE MAY POSSIBLY BE CONTACTED THROUGH MRS. BELINDA KIRBY, 37 MARNEY ROAD, LONDON, S.W. 11.

2. SPEAKING AT PARTY POLITICAL MEETING AUGUST 15, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR MULDER SAID LOWELL WAS DEPORTED BECAUSE SHE GAVE "WRONG INFORMATION ON HER VISA APPLICATION. LOWELL REPORTEDLY WROTE ON APPLICATION THAT SHE WAS COMING TO SA AS TOURIST AND THAT SHE KNEW NO ONE HERE. WHEN SAG LEARNED THAT SHE WAS CONTACTING BANNED PEOPLE, SUCH AS DAVID DE BEER, AND THAT SHE WAS BISHOP WINTER'S SECRETARY, MULDER ISSUED ORDER FOR HER VISA TO BE WITHDRAWN AT 24 HOURS NOTICE. WHEN LOWELL TRIED MAKE END RUN TO WINDHOEK TO MEET WITH BISHOP'S SUPPORTERS, MULDER THEN, HE SAID, ORDERED HER IMMEDIATE DEPORTATION.

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EM SUFFRAGEN BISHOP RICHARD WOOD, WINTER'S ALTER EGO IN NAMIBA, HAS PUBLICLY PROTESTED DEPORTATION, PARTICULARLY WAY LOWELL WAS BUNDLED OUT OF COUNTRY WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH FRIENDS. SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN IN WINDHOEK, HE SAID SECURITY POLICE HAD NO RIGHT TO HOLD LOWELL IN CUSTODY AT WINDHOEK AIRPORT. WOOD CLAIMED THAT MULDER'S ORDER SPECIFIED ONLY THAT LOWELL HAD TO BE OUT OF COUNTRY BY MIDNIGHT AUGUST 14 AND SAID NOTHING ABOUT TRAVEL AND MEETING PEOPLE IN TIME REMAINING TO HER BEFORE DEPARTURE. ACCORDING T WOOD, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICIAL WITH WHOM SPOKE AT WINDHOEK AIRPORT TRIED TO JUSTIFY POLICE ACTION ON GROUNDS THAT LOWELL WAS CONSIDERED TO BE IN TRANSIT AFTER SHE LEFT JOHANNESBURG. HOWEVER, WOOD SAID HE REJECTED THIS EXPLANATION BECAUSE TRANSIT PASSENGERS ARE NORMALLY ALLOWED ACCESS TO TELEPHONES. SMITH

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